(a) whether Government are aware that the Indo-German Social Service Society, New Delhi based voluntary organisation receiving funds from Germany for socio-economic development projects in India is misusing large scale funds on real estate holdings on maintaining fleet of cars and administrative purpose against its declared objectives of charitable purpose;

(b) whether Government propose to hold through inquiry into affairs of this society and take action; and

(c) if so, the facts and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) An inspection of the accounts and records of the Indo-German Social Service Society. New Delhi has been ordered under the provisions of section 14 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, in order to ascertain the full facts of the matter.

Composition of North-Eastern Council

4787. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have expressed reservations over the proposed composition of North Eastern Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the investments to be made for the developments of the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States of Assam and Arunchal Pradesh have suggested that Governors may continue as Members.

(c) During the current Plan 2000-2001, the Budget Estimate for NEC is 450 Crore rupees.

People to people dialogue with Pak Team

4788. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Pak team arrived at Mumbai for people to people dialogue;

(b) if so, what was the category of the team;

(c) the purpose of their arrival; and

(d) the outcome of the dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, a Pak team consisting of more than 40 Pak delegates had briefly stopped at Mumbai on April 4, 2000, on way to attend the 5th Conversion of India-Pak Peoples Forum for Peace and Democracy held at Bangalore from 6th to 8th April, 2000. The team comprised of advocates, Govt. employees, Press reporters, Engineers, Medical practitioners and Social workers etc.

Chromite Ore Deposit in Orissa

4789. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas of chromite ore deposit in Orissa and the total quantity of iron ore existing in Orissa;

(b) how many Government and private industrialists and owner of mines have taken chromite lines on lease in Orissa; and

(c) the details of royalty and revenue collected by the State Government or the Central Government during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS) DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) As per the Directory of Mining lease prepared by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), as on 31.3.99, the total area under chromite mining leases in the State of Orissa is about 7473 hectares comprising 22 mining leases. The total quantity of iron ore recoverable reserves existing in the State of Orissa are 3294 million tonnes.

(b) As per information available with IBM, out of 22 chromite mining leases, the number of leases owned by Public Sector and Private Sector in the State of Orissa are 11 each respectively.

(c) The royalty on minerals is collected and retained by the concerned State Governments as per the rates specified in the Second Schedule to the Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 under Section 9 of the said Act. No royalty is collected or retained by the Central Government. Details of revenue / royalty collected by the State Governments is not centrally maintained.